

### Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph found on page 6, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

Further alternatively or in addition the binding promoter may also be in the form of a surfactant. The surfactant may be in the form of sodium dodecyl ~~bensene~~ benzene.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 8, lines 19-20 with the following amended paragraph:

Further alternatively or in addition the binding promoter is in the form of a surfactant. The surfactant may be in the form of sodium dodecyl ~~bensene~~ benzene.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 11, lines 6-7 with the following amended paragraph:

Further alternatively or in addition the binding promoter is in the form of a surfactant. The surfactant may be in the form of sodium dodecyl ~~bensene~~ benzene.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 14, lines 10-16 with the following amended paragraph:

The binding promote is preferably a complex fatty acid derived from the complete oxidation of vegetable sugars. More particularly, the binding promoter is selected from the group consisting of humic acid, fulmic acid, salts and mixtures thereof. Another binding promoter which is added is bitumen, preferably but not exclusively in the form of an anionic bitumen emulsion. Yet

another binding promoter that is added is a surfactant, preferably but not exclusively sodium dodecyl ~~bensene~~ benzene.